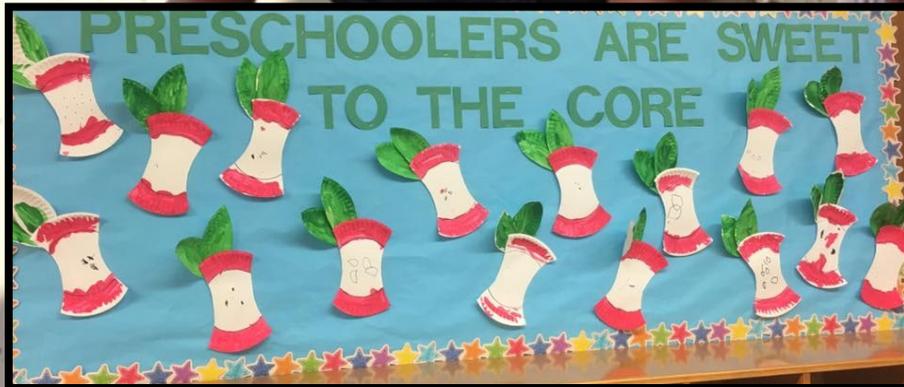


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Orange Peel Cullison named Employee of the Month

Sherry Cullison, high school secretary to the principals, is the September employee of the month.

“Sherry has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to office procedures and the functions of Beatrice High School. Her years of experience shine brightly in her efficiency for getting jobs done,” said one of her nominators.

“What I appreciate most about Sherry is her willingness to answer every question I have. She knows most of all I need to know, but if she doesn’t know the answer, she has a gift for figuring out the right avenue to learn the answer.

She is pleasant to the students, confident in her work, supportive and helpful to all others, and has a sense of humor that allows her to laugh at herself.

Sherry is very good at proof reading and identifying areas of need, as well as being willing to cover for anyone who needs to be gone. For someone who has recently been given this position, I couldn’t have imagined a smoother transition, thanks to Sherry’s undivided attention when I need it.”

(above) Sherry Cullison is at her desk, at the high school. (above left) One of her duties is the monthly newsletter.

Beatrice Community Preschool Summer spent moving to one-site location



'Having everyone together at one site has been an amazing opportunity for students

and staff. It has been so fulfilling to be able to watch staff collaborate, celebrate and work hard for children to succeed. Having over 200 students come through our doors ready to learn in a safe, hands-on, play-based environment is what makes Beatrice Community Preschool a special place.'

Missy Timmerman, director

Exploring nature



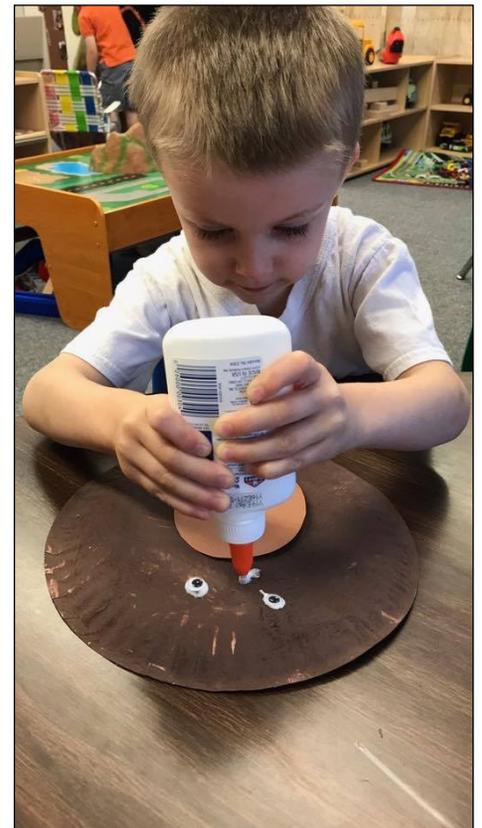
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Creating their own constitution



Designing works of art



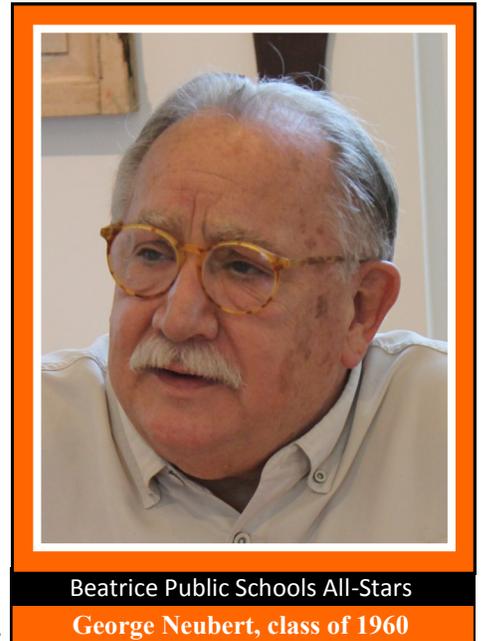
They first staked their claim with Beatrice Public Schools and now are among the best in the nation

Neubert is American visual arts expert



'My high school teachers were extraordinarily committed and provided guidance and support of my academic goals including allowing me to curate my first art show. My American literature teacher's passion for the history of American literature and what makes up America impacted my passion for American art and my interest in studying American art. I learned as much on the football field as in the classroom. I learned how to cooperate and how 11 individuals could work together through discipline and mutual rapport on a common goal'

George W. Neubert



Beatrice Public Schools All-Stars

George Neubert, class of 1960

George W. Neubert is director of the Flatwater Art Foundation that was founded in 2004 to initiate and present cultural and visual arts programming, contemporary artist residencies, including the establishment of an

American Folk Art Museum in the historic frontier river-town of Brownville, Nebraska.

From 1999 to 2004, Neubert served as Director and Curator of Contemporary Art for the San Antonio Museum of

Art in San Antonio, Texas. Prior to this he was the director of the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery & Sculpture Garden of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Through an aggressive acquisition strategy, the

growth and development of the collection remains unparalleled in its over one hundred year history. In addition, he expanded the educational role of the collection in collaboration with the Nebraska State Department of Education and the J.P. Getty Foundation's Discipline-based Art education project.

After graduating from Beatrice High School he attended Mills College earning a degree in sculpture and arts history. He was named to the Beatrice Educational Foundation's Hall of Fame in 1997.

George Neubert in his Flatwater Folk Art Museum in Brownville, Nebraska. He acquired all the pieces in the collection during his impressive visual arts career.



Board approves budget for school year

Sherry Cullison, high school secretary, was recognized as the September Employee of the Month.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pat Nauroth reminded board members that the Sept. 28 Committee of the Whole meeting will be at the Beatrice Community Preschool. He also encouraged board members to move forward at the current pace to ensure that they get the best pool of candidates possible. Nauroth said that Board members would also be asked to provide input on the master facility plan at the Sept. 28 meeting.

Student Report

Colton Gronewold informed the Board that today marked the start of the fifth week of school for the year and students have adjusted well. He also said the fall sports are underway. Gronewold also said Homecoming is next week and the football team will host Roncalli on Friday night.

Superintendent Search

Board President Lisa Pieper said she has been contacted by 4 or 5 firms interested in submitting a proposal for superintendent search services. After discussion, the board agreed to ask firms to submit official proposals for review.

Action Agenda

John Brazell, director of business affairs, said all information on the 2017-18 budget was presented during the hearing that was held prior to the meeting. The board approved the budget and the property tax request.

Approval was also given to the Special Education contract with ESU 5 for the 2017-18 school year, of Appendix 1 of Policy 5115 which sets capacity for option enrollment.

The board also gave approval of a resolution to add a seventh board member.

Administrator's Report

Jackie Nielsen, director of curriculum, shared information on the upcoming Teach the Constitution Day. At the elementary level, students will glue symbols on ribbon, read kid friendly versions of

the constitution, and create an agreement/constitution for their own classrooms. In middle school students will explore the importance of the constitution and discuss how it was written. High school students will examine the constitution and then create their own constitution for a country they create.

Nielsen also updated the Board on the HAL (High Ability Learners) program and how the district is working to improve it. Ozobots will be continued for fifth graders while Lego robotics and drones will be the focus for sixth graders. Seventh graders will complete a problem based learning experience with a local business.

Next Meetings

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be on Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. in the Central Administration Building. The next board meeting will be on Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Central Administration Building.



Superintendent Pat Nauroth administers the oath of office to Student Representative Colton Gronewold.

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- Janet Byars
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- Nancy Sedlacek
- Steve Winter
- Jon Zimmerman, Vice-President
- Pat Nauroth, Superintendent

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